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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KONDA ET AL.

Examiner

Clifford H Knoll

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 July 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/28/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is responsive to communication filed 7/28/2004. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled. Claims 21-36 have been newly added. Claims 21-36 are currently pending.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 21-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakamura (US 2001/0051930).

Regarding claims 21 and 25, Nakamura discloses upon selecting the first mode, receiving the second command and rejecting the first command (e.g., para. 157), upon selecting the second mode, any of first and second control commands being received to execute it, said device being configured to execute given processing corresponding to a control command if this command is sent from the registered device (e.g., para. 151).

Regarding claims 22 and 26, Nakamura also discloses one of first and second modes is configured to be set by a user of the device (e.g., para. 151).

Regarding claims 23 and 27, Nakamura also discloses upon power off in the first mode, the network interface is set in a power-off state or in a power saving state (e.g., para. 120).

Regarding claims 24 and 28, Nakamura also discloses a visual device (e.g., para. 94).

Regarding claims 29 and 33, Nakamura discloses the first mode in which a self control is preferential, and a second mode in which a control by another is acceptable (e.g., para. 145), with the device including portions configured to reject the control command from the device such that said apparatus can control oneself but cannot be controlled by the other device (e.g., para. 222), accept the control command from said device in the second mode, such that said apparatus can control oneself and can be controlled by said device (e.g., para. 208), register a prescribed said device (e.g., para. 153), reject control commands from an unregistered device even in the second mode (e.g., para. 178-180), reject control commands in the first mode (e.g., para. 169), execute given processing corresponding to the control command sent from the registered device (e.g., para. 175).

Regarding claims 30 and 34, Nakamura also discloses one of first and second modes is configured to be set by a user of the device (e.g., para. 151).

Regarding claims 31 and 35, Nakamura also discloses upon power off in the first mode, the network interface is set in a power-off state or in a power saving state (e.g., para. 120).

Regarding claims 32 and 36, Nakamura also discloses a visual device (e.g., para. 94).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 7/28/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claims 21, 25, 29 Applicant argues that while "Nakamura, which requires the inputting of a password, the claimed conditional rejection of the control command is not based on a password" (pp. 7, 8, 9, 10, with regard to respective claims); however this distinction finds no support in the claims. The rejection, applied to the new claims, cites passages from Nakamura that interpret Nakamura with regard to all the recited features.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

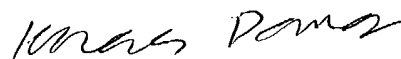
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clifford H Knoll whose telephone number is 703-305-8656. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 0630-1500.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark H Rinehart can be reached on 703-305-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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